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SUBJECT: Organic Contamination of the Vadose Zone Project Semi-Annual Reporting –
(WDP-RWMC-06-015)

Dear Mr. Ceto and Mr. Koch:

In recent discussion with members of your staff, all parties agreed to reduce the Organic Contamination of the Vadose Zone (OCVZ) reporting of monthly sampling and performance results from a semi-annual to an annual basis. The mass removal rates will continue to be reported to you on a weekly basis. This agreement was based on the understanding that the weekly mass removal quantities will continue to be discussed on the bi-monthly teleconference calls.

The new units D, E, and F, have been operating near continuously without major problems since they were installed in 2003. The trends seen in extraction volumes occur over the course of the entire year, and major decisions on the units are based on yearly data reviews. The data will be collected from July through June, and reported in August of each year.

If you have questions regarding this change in reporting, please contact me at (208) 526-5455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin C. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin C. O'Neill, Project Engineer
Waste Area Group 7

cc: M. English, DEQ
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